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SUBJ: U.S.- GREEK DEFENSE COOPERATION DISCUSSIONS: DRAFT
COMMUNIQUE

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1. THERE FOLLOWS OUR RECOMMENDED REVISION OF GREEK DRAFT COMMUNIQUE
CONTAINED REFTEL. BEGIN TEXT. "FOLLOWING THE ISSUANCE IN ATHENS
ON OCTOBER 8, 1976 OF THE COMMUNIQUE ON THE STATE OF PROGRESS OF
THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE CONCLUSION OF A NEW DEFENSE COOPERATION
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND GREECE, THE TWO SIDES
CONTINUED CONTACTS THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS IN ORDER TO FURTHER
THE PROGRESS PREVIOUSLY MADE BY THE DELEGATIONS OF BOTH COUNTRIES.
DURING THIS PHASE OF CONSULTATIONS, THE TWO SIDES WERE ASSISTED BY
EXPERTS, WHENEVER REQUIRED.

IN A FINAL ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO DELEGATIONS IN
ATHENS, AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW
DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND THE TEXTS WERE INITIALED AD
REFERENDUM TO THE TWO GOVERNMENTS DURING A FINAL SESSION ON
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JULY (DAY), 1977. INITIALING WAS DONE BY THE HEADS OF THE TWO DELE-
GATIONS, MR. HAWTHORNE MILLS, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE UNITED STATES
EMBASSY IN GREECE AND MR. SPIROS CHRYSOPATHIS, THE DIRECTOR OF THE
COMPETENT POLITICAL DESK OF THE HELLENIC MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS.

THE NEW AGREEMENT CONSISTS OF A BASIC DOCUMENT AND SEVERAL

APPENDICES AND EXCHANGES OF NOTES COVERING UNITED STATES ACTIVITIES AT VARIOUS MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN GREECE AND THE STATUS OF UNITED STATES FORCES PRESENT IN GREECE TO CARRY OUT THESE ACTIVITIES. THE AGREEMENT WILL ENTER INTO FORCE AFTER SIGNATURE BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AND APPROVAL BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE GREEK PARLIAMENT.

THE NEW AGREEMENT IS DESIGNED TO MODERNIZE THE U.S.-GREEK DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP AND REFLECTS THE CONTINUING AND TRADITIONALLY CLOSE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND GREECE AND THE MUTUALITY OF THEIR DEFENSE INTERESTS IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE." END TEXT.

2. COMMENT: OUR REVISION DRAWS ON THE "PRINCIPLES" OF APRIL 15, 1976 WHILE RETAINING AS MUCH OF THE ORIGINAL GREEK TEXT AS POSSIBLE. IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, THE GREEKS WILL WANT THE COMMUNIQUE TO SAY AS LITTLE AND BE AS SHORT AS POSSIBLE. THEREFORE, IN THE END, WE CAN PROBABLY EXPECT SOMETHING IN BETWEEN THEIR ORIGINAL VERSION AND A REVISION ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED IN PARA 1 ABOVE.

3. ACTION REQUEST. WASHINGTON COMMENTS ON ABOVE DRAFT TEXT BY OPENING OF BUSINESS JULY 21 IN ORDER TO BE AVAILABLE WHEN CHARGE AND CHRYSOSPATHS MET LATER THAT DAY.

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